

Devotions

Sept. 7- Acts 7:55-56 "He didn't plan to take there..."

But he did take progressive intermediate steps, to get there. (John No) that reached higher and higher. "By setting progressively higher goals and reaching them on schedule is the only way to build your confidence." - John

If you set goals too high you'll only know the agony of defeat.

If you set goals too low you'll never feel the ecstasy of great victory.

Sept. 8- Psalm 139:14

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"I'm sure glad God through my the mold when He made me." We are special - unique-different from one another. We have nothing to do with the fact we are special. We didn't plan to be.

Non-achievers, achievers, and ^{high} achievers are three types of people. those that just let life happen, just enough to make them happy

those who want to make things happen, set goals, venture out self-made, self-motivated, self-directed, self-determined, successful people

They will not settle for anything less than their full God-given personal potential.

I am what I am by nothing I did but by the grace of God. Relie on our Father not ourselves for vs. 14

God is the one who made me special.

"A Qualified Heart"

"God will help us, but it's necessary for us to cooperate in order for us to have a qualified heart."

Can God trust me with leadership qualities and positions?

First, before the position I must fit the qualification

heart - the innermost or hidden part of anything

groat-heart - the seat of physical and spiritual life

A heart that is guarded.

Prov. 4:23 diligence & great care, totally focused ^{for it is the} ~~for it is the~~ ^{source of life} issues - attitudes, actions

Phil. 4:7 now do we keep the peace of God? [↑] Guarding our heart

Matt. 12:34-35 It's the source of all one speaks.

Mark 7:14-23 It's the source of spiritual defilement

How do we guard our heart?

prayer

Read his Word; apply His Truths

Be wise in all we do, where we go, and what we set before us

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9-13-00

Self Motivation is based on the concept
man is 2 dimensional

" " " good by nature

" " " good by nature
" " " description

deception

deception

Self centeredness is the basic building block

8-25-00 Do I want to be a high achiever?

solitude - quiet

creativity - like adventure - challenges

Expect to be misunderstood

Psalm 37:4 He will put the desire in your heart
Luke 14:26 - hate - love less - 8,29 (Dad four house)

9-26-00

preparation is important - essential to high achievers

1. master the technical skills (writing, master the writing skills)
2. Build endurance, conditioning (things are taking on the body)
3. Gain confidence - enjoy

Joe + Chris Germon

9-27-00

I Kings 5:13-18

Prov. 24:7 Desire is important -

It's easier to prepare than to procrastinate

9-28-00

The difference between man & animal is our sophisticated learning ability and desire to pass that learned on to others.

Josh + Tyler

9-29-00

Man lives far below his teachability / learning capability.

"selective hearing" The average brain has the capability of learning 10 languages or knowing all the info. stored in the ^{books in a} major UnLib. think faster than high speed computers. It's not a matter of can I but will I.

Psalm 119:97-100; Prov. 12:5; 2:10, 11; 8:32-34; 9:9, 12:1
Especially the Word of God

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9-27-00

"A Qualified Heart"

Mark 7:14-23 "Maintaining a pure Heart"

Evil, wicked thoughts stem from the ^{heart} vs. 20-23

(a heart left unguarded)

Deut. 8:1,2 1. God tries hearts

6:4-12 vs. 6 our heart is a container for God's words

2. God searches hearts

Jer. 17:7-10

3. God ponders hearts

Prov. 21:1-2

James 4
(read)

vs.8 Sanctify Your Hearts

10-02-00 How to become teachable

1. Have a definite, highly personalized ~~system~~ ^{plan for} system of learning

The Word of God needs to be the basis of our learning

2. Learn from people. The greatest sources of learning

Are people who have the greatest influences on our lives.

Teachability is not gullibility. We don't have to listen to every voice. "Surround yourself with people who are smarter than yourself."

3. Use all your faculties for learning.

1. Read 2. Observe 3. Listen

James 1:19

Heart Qualities

Positive

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Singing heart Eph. 5:9

todo; duty; no matherew. b.c. wasn't that the ~~the~~ not a singing heart

Psalm 24:4

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Should be our desire
to have; guard against
→ deadly sins

Negative

Darkened Heart Rom. 1

not seen in way to go

Eph. 4:18 Blinded heart

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Honest of God Luke 8:5 Hardened Ex. 4
a heart that is honest not a heart
Good for God, allow against God
the Word of God to rule

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Unchangeable heart
2 Thess. 3:13

Rebellious heart
Jas. 2:23

Chris.
Gorma

Heb. 3:10 Unknowing heart
Matt. 18:25 "I give up" "I accept" God has for me

Be like Jesus: It is
our responsibility to accept
and do what we find in God's
Word

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The Pure Heart

Titus 2:14 peculiar - for His own; special

Look deeper than the surface

Matt. 5:8

Psalm 24:3,4

2 Tim 2:22 More than holding back, abstaining

1 Tim 5:22

1 John 3:3

James 1:27

completely devoted ;

like undiluted water ;

gold without alloy ;

undivided ; no conflict of loyalties ;

no hypocrisy, whole hearted Godliness

What does God say about it?

3 Tests to determine the purity of your heart

Pure Heart

Prov. 20:9

The Test of Motives

All we do has a motive

At Matt 6:1-8

For God's glory ~~not~~ not for me

The Test of Desires

What is my heart set on?

Cravings

Psalm 40:8 ; 37:4 ; John 15:3

Phil. 4:8 ; Psalm 119:11

clean
unadulterated
Humility
Righteous
Holy
spotless
sanctified
Christlikeness,
etc.

The Test of Humility

being what you are no more/no less

read the scripture to find out what you are

Mark 7:21

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12-25-00

U Purification of the Heart

Proverbs 20:9

Purification of the Heart + justice = ~~treasure~~

Before a purif. of heart we need a
change of heart through God - transformation

Psalm 51:10 create

2 Cor. 10:12

Titus 2:11-15

1 John 1:7; 3:3-17

Jer. 17:10 ATTENTION - LOOK!

Prov. 15:20

Set patterns of righteousness

Guard our heart

Guided by the Holy Spirit

Indulging

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Bedrock of leadership - CHARACTER

Bill Lear

Invented Lear Jet, over 150 patents
Auto Pilot, etc.

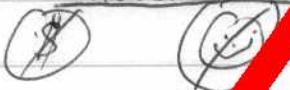
Immediate success ; a business Leader

before laws regarding ho ~~guaranteed~~ when 2
crashed told 53 owners to ground and not
fly, while his team searched for causes.

~~negative~~ publicity; ads newspapers regarding his product
could ~~put him~~ out of business

but he didn't want anyone else to be hurt
had to test when he found out possible cause

flown it himself - almost died 2 years later on track
replaced the parts - 6-10-1 \$ but never
regretted his decision. Willing to risk it all because of
his character



development of character

no area of a person is not touched by character

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Indicate the bedrock
of our being

1. Character is more important. Ecc 5:2-7 Action
Who you're is determined by what's inside: character
2. Character is a choice not a gift 2Cor 5:10
3. " brings lasting effect, success. Acts 7:20-28
4. Leaders cannot rise above the limitations of
their character. Proverbs 10:32

Arrogance
Aloneness
Adventure Seeking
Adultery

Rise above
Feeling
Seeking

Isaiah 58:12 "Repairing the Breaches"

First step to ~~finding~~ repairing the cracks is finding the cracks.

1. Examine the major areas of your life
2. Identify all the places where you have cut corners, compromised, where we've let others down.
3. Write down every instance where
(If it's been dealt with, don't write down)
4. Look for patterns.

II. Make the repairs.

1. Take responsibility for your actions.
2. Create a list of everyone we need to apologize to. (our actions impact others)
3. Seek counsel.
4. Do it!

III. Plan the future

1. Examine "cracks" character flaws with an "accountability partner" *
2. Create a plan of prevention.
3. Edison-ize *

Tell them your plan (have to do it now ☺)

4. Take Action
(Isa. 58:12)

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Chape
11-15-00

Ecc. 9:11

Commitment

returning back point /burn all bridges behind

"People don't follow uncommitted leaders"

Dreamers vs. Doers /commitment cuts through

Ecc. 5:7

Commitment starts in the heart Isa. 7:9

do at all cost

"Heart separates the good from the great." - Michael Jordan

Prov. 12:3 The only real measure of commitment is action.

Commitment opens the door to achievement

4 kinds of people

Copouts

foldouts

Dropouts

allouts

excuses why they don't ..

Don't know if I can make that ..

quitters

set goal/comm), ~~achieve at all~~ costly to me

Communication

11-29-08

Proverbs 10:11

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John 7:40-53

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"If you can't give it there is ~~purpose~~ use in Jim having a message." We do need a message and develop skills in communication.

"The Great Communicator" Ronald Reagan

Family; Work ; Neighborhood; Freedom ; Peace

Effective Communication 21

1. Simplify your message Prov. 10:19; Ecc 5:3

Not just what you say, but how you say it.

2. See YOUR AUDIENCE/ PERSON

"People love Great Communicators because Great Communicators love people."

3. Show the Truth Job 27:4

"ALWAYS speak the truth, but don't always speak the truth!"

Credibility

① Believe in what you say.

② Live what you say.

4. Seek a response

Character - Commitment - Communication

Competence

(EXCELLENCE)

Eccl.9:10

2 Peter 1:10-15

Because we are servants of the LORD Jesus Christ.
spiritual, physical, emotional - represent ↑

- adequately or well qualified; able

Col. 3:23

- goes beyond words

- leaders ability to say it, plan it, do it
in such a way others know you know how.

"Society who scorns excellence in plumbing
because it's a humble thing and tolerates shoddiness
in philosophy or exalted activity will
have neither good plumbing nor philosophy.
Neither theories nor theories will hold
water."

"With ⁵ your talents, they for use were made, what a scandal

1. Show up every day
2. Keep improving
3. Follow Through - All the Way - with Excellence in the shade
4. Do more than expected
5. Inspire Others - encourage

Ben Franklin

Phil.4:13, Joshua 1:5-9

Character, Commitment, Communication,
Competence, Courage

Without the element of fear there isn't
courage.

- "Fear that has said its prayers."

- "Doing what you are afraid to do"

1. - Begins with an INNER Battle
a test of your character, your made of

2. - Making things right, not just
smoothing them over

Pro.28:13

3. - inspires commitment in others

4. Courage expands your life

Face your fears

Generosity

II Cor. 8:8-16

Ex.: Elizabeth Elliot gave her life to her husband's murderers.

True generosity must be a part of a leader's life. Not occasional, but a way of life from the heart.

Many kinds of strength other than "muscles": emotional x, mental x, spiritual x, talents, abilities, skills etc.

Developing Generosity

1. Be grateful. → I'm not happy with what I have others won't be happy with what I give.

T Thess. 5:18 : Phil. 4:11 content ^{generosity} arises out of J. D. Rockefeller "I have millions, but none of it matters me happy."

The Love of money is the root of all evil

Hold what I have "loosely"

2. Put Others first.

1. God, 2. Parents / Spouse 3. Children
Immediate
Extended Family, friends, enemies, me

Others only others first

3. Don't allow the desire for possessions to control you.

To be in charge of your heart don't let your possessions possess you.

Initiative

A decision is made before action is taken.

DOING - TAKING ACTION

Genesis 19:14 Prov. 22:29

Gen 47:6 ^{4:13, 44} Didn't take initiative

Ex. 5:13, 14

Ex. 10:11

Ex. 20:9, 10

Deut. 11:7

Judges 4:14

1 Sam 2:3

1 K 20:40

1 Chro. 22:16 (No limit of these things)

Neh. 4:6

Psalm 127:2

1. Leaders with initiative know
what they want
A Christian Leader knows what God
wants

2. Push themselves to act.

3. Take more risk than others. (not all risk more)

4. Recognize there is a price for not having
initiative.

5. Make more mistakes than anyone else.

Only those ^{who} fail greatly will achieve greatly.

Listening

Listening

Psalm 34:11 "Come... hearken... Will teach."

① to learn

② to "connect" with another

"The ear of the leader must ring with the voices of the people." — Woodrow Wilson

"A good leader encourages followers to tell him what he needs to know not what he wants to hear." — John Maxwell

Matthew 11:15 Rev. 2:7

1. Followers - the ones you influence

If you only listen to the facts you see inside their heart

2. Your "customers" - the ones you help come for your help "If you listen to the whispers you won't have to hear the screams." — Cherokee proverb

3. Your Competitors - for ex.: IBM + Bill Gates

"What I say won't teach me anything."

4. Your Mentors

Colossians 3:20-24

Psalm 37:4, Rev. 2:4

“PASSION”

Passion is the first step to achievement

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46
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18
21
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Passion will change you

“A God honoring Attitude”

positive

transformation of our mind

"Problem Solving"

To be a leader we need a right attitude toward problems

Psalm 3:1 ; Psalm 9:9 ; 9:13

10:1 ; 13:4 ; 20:1

"Don't let problems be a problem."

22:11 ; 27:5 ; 31:7 ; 32:7 ; 40:1

50:1 ; 54:7 ; 86:7 ; 91:15

commitment

promise

107:6,13,19,28

119:143

Make God's Word the source for problem solving.

Don't label obstacles "problems" but less, work harder

tackle it! don't leave it.

Problems always will exist.

Leaders :

1. They anticipate problems. Look for them not avoid.
2. They accept the truth. and try to make it better.
3. They see the big picture.

The majority sees the obstacles. Leaders see objectives. Story remembers leaders.

4. They handle one thing at a time.

5. They don't give up.

Have a method :

Time
Exposure
Assistance
Creativity
Hit it!

spend time discovering real problem. not just "what have others done?
Wisdom in a multitude of counselors, God's

To Know God:

Gen. 1:1-4

1. Understanding Who God is.
2. " What He wants.
3. Submitting to His will.

Form a relationship with those in authority

Line up to God's principles of light. God is light.

In the void God decided to move v. 2
He has the answer for me young person.
He is able to give what I need.

v.3 First thing you do could be most important.

God knows what to start my life with.

God never works in the dark. Light dispels dark. - Every time

Trust in authority - one with the light of God -
you won't stumble. Turn on the light

Allow the light of God - his word principles -
to shine in my character and every aspect
of my life.

v. 4 (peace, rest, happiness free!) are rewards

v. 4 "light will be superior" no gray areas in His light
no blending, merging.

Light will wake you up. "New beginning" "New day"

Relationships (Friendships)

Prov. 18:24

~~Matt. 22:37-40 & Col. 3:13~~

Matt. 7:12 "Golden rule"

Romans 12:10 "as yourself" James 2:8 "royal law"

Single most important ingredient to success is getting along with people - even enemies.

"People don't care about what you know until they know that you care." - John C. Maxwell

1. Have A Leader's head.

understand people. - how they think
- their needs - their lives
read

2. Have Leader's heart.

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3. Extend A Leader's hand.

Help

pray Rom. Transformed

strengthen your heart
off me

repair relationships

April 4, 2000
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ICor. 9:16-27 Self-Discipline

v.16 like eating - no great feast known

* Temperate - exercise self-restraint

Titus 1:8 self controlled - Lead of
self before you can lead others

2:2 moderate; controlling thoughts
and actions

2 Peter 1:5,6

◆ To make selfdiscipline an asset: ◆

1. Develop and follow your priorities.

2. "...a plan and not quite enough
time is needed to complete
an important task."

2. Make a disciplined life your goal.

3. ("Do 'it' Now!") Challenge
Your Excuses.

4. Remove Rewards Until the Job is
Done

5. Stay focused on results (Production)
Count the benefits beforehand.

Talent without discipline is like an
octopus on roller skates."

"The best time to plant a tree is 25 yrs. ago, the

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Mark 9:35 "Servant hood"

8:31-

Christ is going to die

The disciples are arguing who will be the one to lead when Christ is gone.

1. Put others first.

Are motivated out of concern for others not for personal glory.

2. Possess confidence

Too important to serve = insecure

Mark 12:31

3. Takes Action

4. Not about Position. ~~Rank~~

Leadership

Commitment

Communication

Competence

Courage

Generosity

Passion

Problem-Solving

Listening

Initiative

Self-discipline

Servanthood

- Bedrock = CHARACTER

Qualities

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5-2-01

James 3:1:2

What gives me Energy?

What makes me cry?

" " " .. dream?

" " " .. laugh?

"Quest"
a life long dream,



Keep pursuing it!

Romans 8:29

Phil. 1:6

2 Peter 1:5-8

God's quest is more like His Son.

Prov. 29:18

c-6-

A vision starts within me.

Vision draws from history, my history, key events
(Pay attention to what happens today For tomorrow it will be history)
Visions ~~are~~ should meet the needs of others.

Vision helps inspire others, and provide the resources

Where does vision come from?

Mark 4:35b be a good listener

Prov. 29:18 vision = naked, uncovered

Change for the sake of progress.

Get help and counsel from others.

Praise ye the Lord. ~~bread soft soi~~

① Praise ye the Lord from the Heavens:
Praise Him in the heights.

② Praise ye Him, all His angels: ~~praise ye~~
Praise ye Him, all His hosts.

③ Praise ye Him, sun and moon:
Praise Him, all ye stars of light.

④ Praise Him, ye Heavens of Heavens,
and ye waters that be above the Heavens.

⑤ Let them praise the name of the Lord:
for He commanded, and they were created.

⑥ He hath also established them for ever and ever:
He hath made a decree which shall not pass.

⑦ Praise the Lord from the earth,
ye dragons, and all deeps:

⑧ Fire, and hail; snow, and vapour;
Stormy wind fulfilling his word.

⑨ Mountains, and all hills; fruitful trees, and all cedars

① Blessed is every one that feareth the Lord;
that walketh in His ways.

② For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands;
happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee.

③ Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house;
thy children like olive plants round about thy table.

④ Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed
that feareth the Lord.

⑤ The Lord shall bless thee out of Zion:
and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem
all the days of thy life.

⑥ Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children
and peace upon Israel.

Rules for Subject & Verb Agreement

1. Most plural nouns end in s or es, but third person singular verbs end in s or es.
2. The personal pronoun I, he, she, it take singular verbs. The personal pronouns we, you, and they take plural verbs.
3. A singular or plural indefinite pronoun used as a subject always agrees with its verb in number, even if a prepositional phrase or clause separates the pronoun and verb.
4. The number of an indefinite pronoun that can be either singular or plural is determined by the object of the preposition or by the last word of the phrase that follows it.
5. A compound subject joined by "and" takes a plural verb.
6. A compound subject made up of two or more singular words joined by "or" or "nor" takes a singular verb.
7. A compound subject made up of two or more plural words joined by "or" or "nor" takes a plural verb. number will be determined by the word nearer the verb.
8. A compound subject made up of both singular and plural words joined by "or" or "nor" takes a verb that agrees in number with the word nearer the verb.

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Sept. 24, 2003
Wed. Bible Study
Rev. James Reynolds, Sr.

Rom. 10:1-4 "Promoting the Salvation of Others"

We need to focus our ~~big~~ eyes higher +
farther.

We need a vision beyond our little circle

1. Our heart must be in it.

Don't be discourage in not winning ~~all~~.

1 Cor. 9:22 "ALL MEANS SANE SOME"

Romans 16:19 "Simple concerning evil...wise...truth"

→ I don't need to be able to debate the ~~sin~~, I must
simply know the TRUTH.

2. We must have the real in our heart for ourself, first.

3. A correct knowledge of the position.

"I'm a church-goer" - NOT ENOUGH!

Roman Catholics are not Christians.

Jehovah's Witnesses are not Christians.

② Eph 2:8,9

Isaiah 54:4-11; 41:14

There is an inheritance to receive. God has spoken good concerning his people.

- We NEED A WORD FROM GOD.

So. of Solomon 2:14

Ezekiel 22:30

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"Searching for a Man"

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Phil. 3:12-13

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Forgetful those things that are past

Rev. Nathan Davis

Mark 13:1-13

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"Don't Sleep on Watch"

Gen. 32:24-31 Victor & Through Preparation

Rev. J.R. Sr.

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Isa. 51:1 (His Trip Testimony)

CALL UPON ME "

1-3 / Psalm 50:14-15

03/11/26

Matt. 26:48-60 Rev. J.R. Sr.

03/11/30 A

Following After Off

The long awaited day of my first plane ride had finally arrived. My stomach was a melting pot of emotions; I was excited, yet, nervous. After boarding the aircraft we were instructed how to use the plane's multiple safety features such as seatbelts and oxygen masks. Following the stewardess' speech the captain requested everyone to find a seat and buckle up to prepare for take off. The engines roared anxiously as the plane ~~as it~~ rolled down the runway. ~~it~~ ~~then~~ ~~the~~ ~~plane~~ ~~was~~ ~~higher~~ ~~than~~ ~~Earth~~ Then the plane stopped and speed the captain pulled down his controls and the plane slowly rose to a 45° angle climbing higher and higher in to the vastly open space called sky. ~~the~~ ~~sky~~ ~~is~~ ~~the~~ ~~breath~~ ~~taking~~ ~~experience~~ ~~of~~ ~~feeling~~ ~~weightless~~ ~~has~~ ~~few~~ ~~equals~~

All the decisions we have made with you
there still remain ~~5~~ decisions we
must make. How will you react toward
~~the~~ what God has in His ~~the~~ awesome love
provided for and only for you?

The yellow-orange flames
dancing in the fire place put
each of the young campers in
a trance mystified by both its
beauty and threat. The fiery
silhouette ~~was~~ commanded attention
~~as~~ like an imperious drill sargeant,
~~as~~ Its heat seemed to ~~draw~~ ~~draw~~
draw the campers into itself; ~~as~~
and yet repel them with its intense
temperature. All around this magnificent
glow were faces blank ~~yet~~
thought + provoked, mystified ~~and~~
yet delighted

The groundwork and foundation for your life's
ministry as part of God's will is layed out
in the early years of your life. The
family you were born into, large,
small Godly, un-Godly, prepares you
for the unique ministry God has
designed specifically for you. ~~Even~~ Even
the geographic location you call
home was ~~proordained~~ by God for
a purpose. In preparation for fulfilling
God's will in your life he allows negative
happenings to ~~to~~ build character in you. ~~After~~
~~After~~